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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 6530.0145-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Jose L. FRANCESE et al.) Group Art Unit: 3736
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Application No.: 09/977,401) Examiner: Marmor II, Charles Alan
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Filed: October 16, 2001)
) Confirmation No. 3026
For: SUCTION ADAPTER FOR MEDICAL)
INSTRUMENT)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

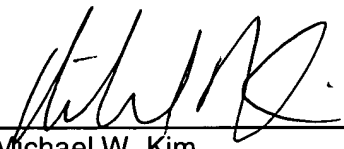
Enclosed is an Amendment in reply to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2005. The additional claims fee is calculated as follows.

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid | Present Extra | Rate | Additional Fee |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Total | 24 | - | 22 | 2 | x \$ 50 | \$ 100.00 |
| Indep. | 1 | - | 3 | 0 | x \$200 | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) | | | | | +\$360 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal | | | | | | \$ 100.00 |
| Reduction by 1/2 if small entity | | | | | | - 0.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | \$ 100.00 |

☒ A check for \$100.00 to cover the additional claims fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Amendment and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Dated: April 25, 2005

By: 
Michael W. Kim
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